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**NSL
Top
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inside**

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

SUCCESS has taken its toll on Sydney Olympic as two outstanding young National League squad members look certain to quit.

Peter Wilson, rated one of the best goalkeepers in New South Wales, is set to retire at the conclusion of the National League semi-final play-offs.

And 21-year-old midfielder Gary Phillips, one of Olympic's best performers during the current top five play-offs, is undecided about his future.

Both players have had mixed fortunes this year.

Wilson's career suffered a major setback when he was dropped from the NSW squad at the beginning of the season, while Phillips' first grade appearances have been limited.

"I'm definitely not playing next year unless something extraordinary comes up," Wilson said.

"After the disappointments earlier this year I have lost a great deal of interest.

"When you train three or four nights a week and the rewards aren't coming, it doesn't seem worth it," the ex-Wollongong City goalie added.

Sydney Olympic's second longest-serving player, Wilson enjoyed his best season in 1981, winning

the club's Best and Fairest Player award.

Ex-Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Docherty ranked Wilson as the number one goalkeeper in Australia in 1981. In fact, Docherty arranged for him to trial with English club Preston North End.

Wilson returned to Australia after a three-month stay with the English club and was in great form during the 1982 season.

However, it was during the early rounds of last year's competition that things started to go wrong for the 23-year-old.

"In the third round of the competition I suffered a nasty injury and missed a few games," he said.

"I wasn't given a chance

to fight my way back and didn't play in the first grade side for the rest of the season."

This year Wilson was rewarded for his brilliant early-season form, winning selection in the NSW team to play Queensland, but he was surprisingly dropped from the squad.

"I couldn't believe it," he said.

"First of all I was relegated to the reserves by Olympic and then I was left out of the NSW squad.

"It was written in the papers on the Thursday but I wasn't notified and turned up for NSW training on the Friday," Wilson added.

Phillips is undecided about his future and may, in fact, take up professional



□ PETER WILSON

surfing. "My contract expires with Olympic at the end of the season," he said.

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MATCH OF THE DAY NEARLY WASN'T!

BY DAVID JACK

THE popular Channel 0/28 TV "Match of the Day" show on Sunday night almost collapsed in confusion due to the late finish in all four NSL semi-finals.

Sporting director Les Murray said: "It was the hairiest experience of my career and I wouldn't want to go through it again.

"The programme is scheduled to run from 7.30 to 8.30. But at 8.15, the tape from the second match at St George

Stadium had not reached the 0/28 studio."

The tape would have been safely delivered at 5.45 if matches had gone to their normal length.

But there was nothing normal about the events in Sunday's semi-finals.

Of the four games played

— two in Sydney, two in Melbourne — all went to extra-time and three of them also involved the taking of penalty kicks.

"We promised viewers complete coverage of all matches," said Murray, "but at 8.15, I was getting ready to apologise for not

delivering the goods.

"Luckily, the tape was delivered just in time and everything worked out all right."

Murray said it was a mammoth job covering four matches with late kick-offs from two venues in a one-hour show.

"I have to pay a big tribute to 0/28's technical people. They did a fantastic job," he said.

FOOTNOTE: The first match at St George Stadium kicked off at 2pm and the second ended at 7.20 — five and a half hours of Soccer.



□ GARY PHILLIPS

THIS could be called the silly season in Soccer, with the top five play-offs winding down the year, representative players hopping on jets for Singapore, China and points west, club players relaxing and looking longingly at the beaches — and club treasurers checking bank balances, wondering if they can afford another year in the National League or even State League.

We should expect some silly suggestions during the silly season. We have already heard the silliest.

At a gathering of Sydney's top five clubs, called to launch the semi-final series, there was serious talk about relaxing the traditional rules of discipline for players.

The suggestion was that all players who had accumulated disciplinary points during the season should have the slate wiped clean.

In other words, every player would start the play-offs from scratch, thus making it almost impossible for any to be suspended.

The positive aim would have been that clubs could select their strongest sides — apart from injuries — in all matches. And this would make the series more attractive for the spectators.

We don't question the logic of that. But we do question the damage it could do if Soccer's well-known bad boys suddenly discovered they could hoe into the opposition, collect yellow cards, and run no risk of suspension.

Only a few days ago, Chris Bambridge, one of Australia's most respected referees, admitted he was worried about the increase in bad behaviour from players.

Bambridge advocated stronger disciplinary action from referees — with the red card for certain offences which now carry only the punishment of the yellow card.

It would be incongruous, going into the vital top five series, for the NSL to start relaxing its rules.

Let's be honest. Players who behave themselves have nothing to fear from referees. But players who break the laws deserve to be hit severely.

If the NSL clubs are really concerned about the entertainment being served up for spectators, they should instruct their players to play the game cleanly without resorting to questionable methods.

We watched an important match between two leading contenders a few weeks ago.

On paper, it should have been a classic contest. But it wasn't.

Almost every time a player beat an opponent, he was tripped, or pushed, or kicked.

The smooth flow of the match was constantly interrupted ... a story of free-kicks galore. And, inevitably, the poor old referee was criticised by the team coaches afterwards for "too much whistle."

Don't these coaches realise that there would be hardly any whistle if their players obeyed the laws of the game?

And there would be no cards — yellow or red — or suspensions if players played cleanly.

Even in the silly season, Soccer can do without silly suggestions designed to allow tough guy players to get away with mayhem.



□ PETER WILSON punches clear.

FROM PAGE 1

"It's been a disappointing year for me. During the NSL Cup matches I was told that I wasn't good enough to play in first grade.

"I'm glad I've been given the chance to prove myself during the semi-final series," Phillips added.

An Australian Schoolboys representative in 1979-81, Phillips is considering moving back to his home town, Coffs Harbour.

"I miss my family, friends and the surf," he said.

"It's been very difficult staying in Sydney during

the past three years."

Phillips is adaptable to most sports but the lure of being a professional surfer could see him leave the round-ball code.

"I've always contemplated what it would be like in the pro-surfing circuit," Phillips said.

"I was always wondering whether I could be good

enough to make surfing a full-time job.

"Last year I entered the Australian Surfabout competition and reached the second round. I also went to America and surfed in Hawaii and California.

"Maybe a year off Soccer might help me decide," Phillips concluded.

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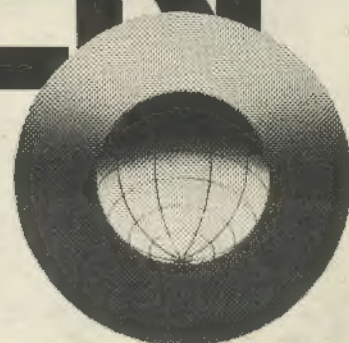
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□ ABOVE: Australian U23 coach Jimmy Shoulder.
□ RIGHT: Merlion Cup action in Singapore as Canberra's John Mihailidis gets away from an Indonesian opponent.



CANBERRA WILL FEEL LOSS OF STAR STRIKER

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FRANK FARINA, Australia's young winger, is parting company with his NSL club, Canberra Arrows.

Sydney City, the 1984 champions of the Australian Conference, have signed up Farina for 1985. Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson said: "Farina is a player who excites me."

"He has pace and today's game is getting quicker every year."

"Farina goes at people and is creative."

Farina has no quarrel with Canberra, and vice-versa, but the youngster maintains he wants to go to Sydney because that's where all the action is.

Somewhat surprisingly, Canberra coach Doug Collins seemed quite happy to release Farina to the Sydney champions, even though Canberra had an option on him for another year.

Can Canberra Arrows really afford to lose a player of Farina's class?

Collins has always made it clear to all his players he would never force them to stay with the club if they wanted out.

Farina now wants out and Doug, I believe, hastily

consented to freeing him.

Dougie should have thought twice about this.

Canberra Arrows fought tooth and nail to snare Farina at the end of last year when Mareeba, a Queensland club, hoisted an astronomical fee on his head, just because the lad had played a few games for them as a junior in years gone by.

Finally, the transfer fee was reduced to \$8,000 and that fee was inserted as a ceiling transfer in Farina's contract with the Arrows.

But does Sydney City NEED Farina?

"Slickers" strike-force includes Grant Lee, John Kosmina, Graeme Fletcher and Willie Murray.

Canberra on the other hand, have youngsters Marko Perinovic and Alan Reis with the experienced Ian Gibson through the middle.

But Canberra could soon lose one of these strikers, as he has been approached by an overseas club to play full-time.

To make matters worse,

George Christopoulos' future with Canberra is also under a cloud as he could be moving back to Melbourne after completing university studies in the ACT.

Collins has completely revitalised Canberra Arrows into a young, fast, exciting outfit this year.

But early in the season, the Arrows went off target with the loss of two central defenders, Terry Byrne and then Peter Burke... the "spine" of the team.

Success

The last few weeks, Canberra has been saved with the return from Greece of Christopoulos. Collins immediately swung Christopoulos, normally a midfielder, to the back as a sweeper.

The move brought instant success as Christopoulos injected stability and experience.

At one stage, Canberra even threatened to bust into the top five.

Thomson has made no

secret of his desire to see the flashing Farina alongside his powerful Australian captain, John Kosmina.

Juventus manager Giovanni Trapattoni showed interest in Farina when he was here and was impressed with the young star's skills, pace and determination.

Isn't Canberra?

Make no mistake, Farina is class, one of Australia's most exciting international stars in the making.

In the World Soccer Series, when Australia ripped open the Italian champions, Juventus, at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Farina could easily have scored four goals.

The whole matter should have been reconsidered by both Farina and the Arrows, as next season could be the year Canberra has been waiting for.

Already the Canberra administration has sealed some lucrative sponsorship deals, making the Arrows a much stronger financial outfit to challenge for honours in the NSL.



MERLION WIN FOR AUSSIES

AUSTRALIA, represented by a scratch side, including several little-known youngsters, overcame the first hurdle in their defence of the Merlion Cup in Singapore.

The Under 23 Socceroos did well to get a 2-1 victory over Indonesia after being a goal behind.

Australia is playing in Group A of the tournament. In the same group, the Netherlands kicked off their programme by beating the host team, Singapore 2-1.

The Australians, coached by Jimmy Shoulder, had a similar result against the Indonesians.

Things looked bad for Shoulder's side when Sain Irmis put Indonesia a goal in front after 24 minutes, beating two opponents before slipping the ball past goalkeeper Tony Franken.

It was not a good first half for Australia, struggling to make any real impression on the Indonesian defence.

In the second half, the Socceroos improved considerably and deserved to draw level after a quarter of an hour.

Warren Spink "nutmegged" the Indonesian goalkeeper Herman Syeh — an indignity Syeh was to suffer again 10 minutes later with the winning goal.

This time, it was Frank Farina of Sydney City who slipped the ball between Syeh's legs.

Although the Indonesian match was rated one of Australia's easier assignments in the Merlion Cup, the win was very valuable because it proved to the young team that they can win against international opposition in unfamiliar playing conditions.

Surprisingly, the inexperienced young Aussies are given a big chance of reaching the final of the Cup... probably because their two previous successes in this Singapore tournament have made the locals wary of the Socceroo challenge.

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Arok's Socceroos get set for world tour

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NO surprise selections, a squad of tried, trusted and proven players, with consistent past performances at international level the keynote . . . this is how national coach Frank Arok's Socceroo touring squad can best be described.

In fact it is probably the strongest Socceroo squad ever to leave these shores with the best players in Australia selected.

For my money coach Arok has done his usual thorough and professional job and he has to be congratulated on his choice.

The only player who has not had previous international experience is Sydney Croatia's Wally Savor.

Outstanding

But this season Savor has been one of the most outstanding performers in the NSL and thoroughly deserves his inclusion.

In the goalkeeping department, Terry Greedy, Anthony Franken and Tony Pezzano all performed with distinction in the World Soccer Series and there is none better.

The defenders chosen are solid, durable, uncompromising and expert in their field.

Arok has a number of avenues open to him to fill the right-back spot left vacant by the unavailability of Alan Davidson, with Ian Gray, Wally Savor, John O'Shea and Tommy McCulloch well in contention.

There is also an attacking flair about most of the chosen defenders, which augurs well for the campaign.

The midfield is exciting and in Peter Raskopoulos, McCulloch, Gray, Oscar Crino and Savor, you have young players who are second to none in the game here.

Add the experience of Joe Watson and Ken Murphy in this department and it makes up a very strong "engine room" indeed.

Up-front, the striking formation is one that looks full of goals and again a mixture of youth and experience.

At peak

John Kosmina, Marshall Soper, Phil O'Connor are at their peak and backed up by Frank Farina and Charlie Egan the goals

should flow.

Analysing the selection thoroughly, it is one of depth, talent and brilliance.

The nucleus of the squad has already proved against top European opposition that they can produce the goods when the pressure is on.

There are no players in this squad with reputations or a record of "playing for themselves."

This type of player is no

use to Arok or Australia.

Team men and teamwork is what it's all about, and this is what this fine squad is certainly all about.

The touring schedule is a tough one but this has been well covered by Arok.

A number of players have the ability to perform well in a number of positions and this is how it must be in modern-day football.

When any national team touring squad is selected,

there will always be some divided opinion over the hopefuls who were left out.

However in all honesty, it must surely be accepted that this squad is the best available and one that has been chosen on merit.

Congratulations Frank Arok on a job well done.

Mexico and the 1986 World Cup Finals now certainly look a lot closer!



□ ANTHONY FRANKEN

TOUR DETAILS

TOUR SQUAD:

GOALKEEPERS: Terry Greedy (St Geo) 28, Anthony Franken (Canberra) 19, Tony Pezzano (Syd City) 23.

DEFENDERS: Graham Jennings (Syd City) 24, Charlie Yankos (Heid) 23, David Ratcliffe (St Geo) 27, Alex Robertson (Syd City) 29, Mike O'Shea (St Geo) 23, John O'Shea (St Geo) 26, Steve O'Connor (Syd City) 29.

MIDFIELDERS: Joe Watson (Syd City) 32, Ken Murphy (South Melb) 28, Tom McCulloch (Marc) 20, Peter Raskopoulos (Syd City) 22, Wally Savor (Syd Croatia) 25, Ian Gray (Leich) 21, Oscar Crino (South Melb) 22.

STRIKERS: John Kosmina (Syd City) 28 - captain, Marshall Soper (Syd City) 24, Phil O'Connor (Blacktown) 31, Frank Farina (Syd City) 20, Charlie Egan (Sth Melb) 25.

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□ WALLY SAVOR



□ CHARLIE EGAN (right) is tackled in a National League match for South Melbourne. Egan will be one of the strikers on Australia's world tour next month.

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HOWARD TREDINNICK: U23 international.

EAGLES WILL BOUNCE BACK

IT's been said during the past week that Melita's drop from the National League was a sad blow for the club.

Not too many clubs work harder than the Eagles and it's great to see that they will still follow through their plans for a brand new stand.

Clubs like Melita are needed in the National League and I'm sure — as St George did a couple of seasons ago — they will win promotion from the State League next year. A few players at the club will have to consider their future over the summer months.

Defender John Gregson is a strong contender for next year's Australian Youth side.

Gregson and Howard Tredinnick left with the Australian Under 23 team to defend the Merlion Cup in Singapore last week.

Another young player, Wayne Farnsworth, is set to return from injury midway through the year.

Will these and other players at the club want to play in the State League?

It's been argued before, but is the development status a fair thing? Melita certainly wouldn't agree with that.

I suppose one of the most pleasing aspects of this development status for provincial clubs (Wollongong, Canberra and Newcastle) is that many local youngsters have been thrown into the fray. They can only benefit from the experience.

THERE'S A LACK OF EXPERIENCED DEFENDERS

SCORING goals didn't pose a great problem for most National League clubs this year.

Perhaps one of the most obvious reasons was the lack in depth of experienced and composed defenders.

Sure, players like David Lowe (Marconi), Chris Kalantzis (Sydney Olympic) and John Kosmina (Sydney City) can expose many opponents with their speed, skills and finishing but injuries to key defenders also helped their cause.

Most clubs were affected by injuries in important defensive positions and places were filled in most cases by less experienced replacements.

The transition from the National Youth League to the top grade is an extremely difficult proposition.

Usually it's the strikers who are on the receiving end of injuries. This year it was a different story.

It's surprising when you go through a few clubs and check the injury tally.

Peter Burke's broken leg created a major problem for Canberra Arrows this year.

Sydney Olympic had to restructure their defence after Tony Dakos was out for a few weeks because of ankle problems.

Graham Jennings also suffered a nagging injury and more recently Martyn Rogers missed a few games.

Blacktown City suffered a severe blow with the knee ligament injury to Tony Rasmussen.

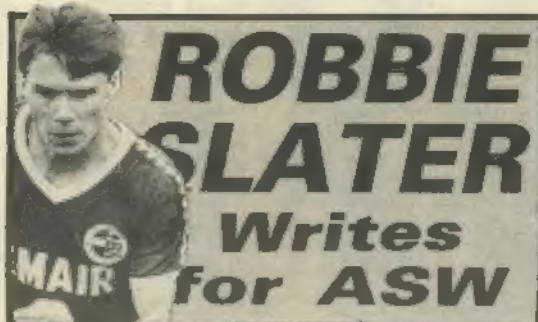
His appearances were limited to the first round but he looks like starting the 1985 season after a strict period of concentrated therapy.

Casualty list

In recent weeks I've spoken about the injuries to St George and as most people will know we suffered greatly with the loss of David Skeen, Robbie O'Shea and more recently David Ratcliffe.

This year's premiers Sydney City also encountered troubles. Jimmy Cant's injury forced them to rearrange their back-four.

As you can see, it's a pretty long list and if you



ROBBIE SLATER Writes for ASW

include other clubs not mentioned there it would look more like a casualty list from World War II!

What's even more remarkable is that several of the players mentioned above are in or have been considered for the national team.

The backline must be the most stable section of any team.

With the lack of good defenders, players in other

positions have had to adjust their style and convert to a defensive role.

At Saints, Andy Koczka started the season in the frontline but was quickly brought back into the defence.

Marconi have used John Spanos, a more than competent midfielder, at left-back after a leg injury forced Joe Rizzotto out for most of the second round.

Young Sydney City play-



TONY DAKOS: forced changes in Olympic team.

er John Paul de Marigny has switched to left-back after spending the past couple of years in midfield.

Wollongong coach Adrian Alston converted striker Scott Dickson into a defensive player. The ex-Polonia player enjoyed considerably success in a central defensive position.

One thing is for certain: these crucial injuries have made the striker's lot that much easier!



TONY RASMUSSEN: severe blow.



JOHN SPANOS: replaced Rizzotto.

ADELAIDE MOVE FOR KEEGAN

KEVIN KEEGAN may play in the National Soccer League next year — as a guest.

Adelaide businessman Peter Ward hopes to "sell" the former England superstar to Adelaide City or West Adelaide.

Keegan had agreed to come to SA next month for two appearances in a local "World Cup" charity series, but the dates clashed with his trip to Saudi Arabia.

BY TOM MCKAIN

Former West Ham and England star Trevor Brooking will take his place and make two appearances for "England" in the series which also involves teams representing Scotland, Poland, Italy, Greece, Ireland, Australia and The Rest of the World.

Brooking is asking \$15,000 for a two-week stay while Keegan's fee was reported to be \$25,000 for two games.

"I will be keeping in touch with Keegan's manager," said Ward.

"With more time, I hope to be able to arrange for Keegan to play for Adelaide City or West as a guest next year, and also turn out for Para Hills in the State League First Division."

Whether the Keegan deal goes through or not may depend on the drawing power of Brooking, who retired only at the end of the last English season.

By next year some fans may have forgotten Keegan as a player, and after another 12 months not playing — he is currently doing the rounds as a coach — he may not want to guest as a player.

However, if Brooking attracts enough interest from the British migrant population — and they are the ones who stay away from Australian Soccer in droves — the two NSL clubs may consider Keegan for 1985.

However, they will be wary of playing him in the NSL after the fiasco when George Best guested in Brisbane, and was marked out of games.

But Best was a big hit and crowd-pleaser when he played for West in an exhibition match against Adelaide City.

No matter the outcome, the planned visit of Keegan, and the signing of Brooking, has added some interest to the closing of the season in Adelaide.



KEVIN KEEGAN: possible visit.

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□ SMILES from Rod Brown and Mark Pullen as they cross over during the penalty shootout. Brown had just missed his shot, while Pullen scored from his attempt to give Leichhardt victory.

IT was sheer intestinal fortitude that saw Mark Pullen smash in Leichhardt's final penalty to win the minor semi-final at the expense of Marconi at St George Stadium.

The final count was 3-3 and then 4-3 on penalties after Leichhardt had led 3-1 in extra-time.

Marconi had jumped back up from the canvas to tie the score right at the end of extra-time.

Marconi even led 2-0 on penalties before Leichhardt surged back to claim the victory.

Pullen cannot recall ever having scored before. Afterwards he said: "The idea was to get up there

and whack the ball in."

It was a different story in the Marconi camp when it came to the crunch.

No-one was keen to take the vital penalty. Rod Brown volunteered to fill the breach but he missed.

A John Bradley cross was miscued by Peter Tredinnick, with the ball slicing off his boot to the grateful and unmarked Bertogna.

At this stage the game appeared certain to go for 120 minutes, just as both teams had done on Wednesday night against different opponents.

Replacement winger

Vince Colagiuri, a St George reject, set the ground alight with a magnificent run that spread-eagled three opponents and resulted in a confident scoring shot.

Bruce James brought Bradley down inside the box and Vic Bozanic made no mistake with the

penalty.

Whilst Marconi coach Les Scheinflug pointed out that his team should have raced into a two-goal lead when Mark Jankovics missed a sitter in the 66th minute, the real point was that he was aghast at the standard of some of Mar-

coni's defensive work.

"We were sluggish in defence, especially in the first 20 minutes. We had them but we let it slip," he said.

There are bound to be plenty of deliberations over the back-line for 1985.

Scheinflug also allowed that playing Joe Rizzotto after a long lay-off was a gamble. "My position was that I had to try something," he said simply.

In retrospect Marconi missed out on that Jankovics shot followed by the switching of Atti Carbone for Peter Sharne in the 71st minute.

Marconi brought in a midfielder for a winger in an attempt to sit on their one-goal margin but it did not pan out that way.

Arno Bertogna had a hand in both ordinary time goals — one for Leichhardt and one for the opposition.

In the 20th minute he made a hash of a back-pass under pressure, enabling Sharne to chest the ball down and beat Bobby Parks with his shot.

Then in the 71st minute Bertogna redeemed himself with an incisive shot from 15 metres out on the left.

Then, towards the end of extra-time, Marconi climbed back with goals from Brown and Jankovics.

With the score at 3-3 it was left to the penalty takers to decide the issue.

Berti Mariani, David Lowe and Jankovics all scored for Marconi and Bertogna, Colagiuri and Bradley for Leichhardt before Brown missed and Pullen scored to give Leichhardt the victory.

LEICHHARDT: Parks, Bozanic, Brown, Bertogna, Pullen, Butler (Spina 118), Bradley, Gray, Caban, Tredinnick, Genovese (Colagiuri 67).

MARCONI: James, Spanos, Rizzotto (Mariani 82), McCulloch, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Lowe, Brown, Jankovics, Sharne (Carbone 71).

REFEREE: T. Davies.
CROWD: 11,156 (double-header).

MARCONI BOW OUT AFTER FIGHTBACK

BY KEITH GILMOUR



□ GOAL: Mark Jankovics celebrates his goal that brought Marconi level.



□ BEATEN: Bruce James watches as the ball hits the net in the penalty shootout.

APIA NOT SO HOT

BY BRAD EARL

THE dominance of the four leading clubs in the Australian Conference this year was confirmed when Leichhardt-Apia outlasted Blacktown City in the elimination semi-final at St George Stadium.

Leichhardt were the stronger team and deservedly won 3-1, but never displayed the form that had them challenging champions Sydney City in the first half of the season.

Blacktown, regarded as the poor relations of the top five series, must be praised for their courage, particularly as they found a last-gasp equaliser to send the match into extra-time.

However, their front-runners were unable to make much headway against the close-marking Leichhardt defence.

The Demons created two good chances in the first half — with Martin Bourke missing his shot from eight metres and then Adam Sandy firing the ball just wide of the post.

They were the only goal chances until Terry Butler shot Leichhardt ahead in the 78th minute after Arno Bertogna won the ball in the air.

McLaughlin's shot from the left side of the area put Blacktown back on level terms in the 90th minute.

But substitute striker Tony Genovese sent Leichhardt ahead for the second time 10 minutes into extra-time with a great right foot shot.

Genovese's strong run led to Tony Morsello's goal in the second period of extra-time, when he beat keeper Barry Hoare with a low shot.

Mark Brown was a strong defender for Leichhardt, while right-back Vic Bozanic and central midfielder Terry Butler began many attacking moves.

Cliff Pointer and Stuart Selva were the pick of the Demons with excellent defensive work.

LEICHHARDT: Parks, Bozanic, Brown (Ziras 115), Bertogna, Pullen; Gray, Butler, Tredinnick; Bradley, Caban (Genovese 80), Morsello.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare; Wheatley, Skellern (Larkin 99), Dunleavy, Pointer, Selva, Byrne, Bourke; McLaughlin, Sandy, O'Connor.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc.
CROWD: 5,565 (double header).



□ ARNO BERTOGNA doesn't allow Phil O'Connor any room to move in the first semi-final.



OLYMPIC PAY PENALTY

BY TOM ANDERSON

SYDNEY CITY moved into the Grand Final of the Australian Conference at the expense of a Sydney Olympic outfit that "paid the penalty" for its mistakes!

"Penalty" is the one word in the English language that is definitely a "no-no" in the Olympic camp at the moment.

In the same way as penalty-taking is a "no-no" for Olympic duo Peter Katholos and Mike Coady.

Between them this pair have missed five penalties in three games in the space of eight days — it surely must be one for the Guinness Book of Records.

Katholos has missed three and Coady two in an unbelievable run of failures.

On Sunday their failure to convert from the spot proved costly for their team, who will now have to play Apia-Leichhardt tomorrow night to determine the right to play the Slickers in Sunday's Grand Final.

With the score level at 1-1 after extra-time in the major semi-final, a penalty

shootout was won by the Slickers last Sunday at St George Stadium with the penalty scoreline 4-2 Slickers' way.

Joe Watson missed a spot-kick for the Slickers but in the final result this was not as crucial as Olympic's misses.

This was a rip-roaring

battle from start to finish with both teams going at each other.

Olympic opened the scoring in the 15th minute with a goal from Katholos after some fine work by Peter Raskopoulos and Mark Koussas.

But five minutes later, Slickers were on even

terms following a complete lack of self-discipline and some inexperience from young striker Nick Theodorakopoulos.

With the ball out of play young Nick fouled defender Jean Paul de Marigny to give away a senseless free-kick.

Joe Watson took the kick and floated it over to Gerry Gomez, who equalised with a diving header — a costly error for Olympic and Theodorakopoulos.

From then on it was a torrid struggle with neither team prepared to retreat an inch.

Then came the penalty shoot-out and curtains for Olympic.

The outstanding features of this torrid clash were the performances of Gomez and Watson for Slickers and Raskopoulos for Olympic.

Slickers are now through to the Grand Final and Olympic despite their failure get another bite at the cherry.

However it will come as no surprise that if Olympic get awarded any penalties against Apia tomorrow night, coach Manfred

Schaefer will ask the referee if his side can have a throw-in instead!

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; P.Falconer, O'Connor, Gomez, de Marigny (Paterson 100), K.Falconer, Barnes, Kay; Watson, Kosmina, Lee (Murray 92).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Jennings; Raskopoulos, Phillips, Katholos; Theodorakopoulos, Koussas, Kalantzis (Patalis 100).

REFEREE: P. Rampley. **CROWD:** 11,156.

Slickers go to Grand Final with penalty victory

GARY GRABS LIMELIGHT

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

GARY PHILLIPS, primarily used as a "bench warmer" in recent weeks, starred in Sydney Olympic's hard-fought 2-1 semi-final win over Marconi at St George Stadium.

As well as having a great game in the midfield, the 21-year-old laid the foundations for Olympic's win — scoring his team's first goal and creating the winner during extra-time.

Although Phillips' performance took centre stage, no-one could deny the efforts of sweeper Tony Dakos and striker Chris Kalantzis.

Kalantzis, a contender for the 1985 Australian Youth team, almost broke the deadlock in the 15th minute when he headed a Phillips cross just wide.

Minutes later, Dakos fed the youngster with a perfect through ball. Kalantzis outpaced the Marconi defence but when confronted by Marconi goalie Bruce James drove the ball over goal.

In fact, James continually thwarted dangerous Olympic attacks and his performance drew praise from all quarters.

Marconi almost opened the scoring just on half-time. Midfielder Tom McCulloch latched on a perfect through-ball from Rod Brown and after rounding goalie Gary Meier, he could only watch in despair as his attempt was blocked on the goal-line.

Marconi started the second half with renewed enthusiasm and in the 10th minute, were rewarded with the opening goal of the game.

Defender Paul Carter made a strong run down the right side and his pinpoint cross was splendidly volleyed into goal by striker David Lowe.

Olympic bounced back and just five minutes later a

dipping shot from Kalantzis beat James but rebounded off the crossbar.

In the 65th minute Olympic looked set to level the score but a penalty attempt from Peter Katholos after team-mate Nick

Theodorakopoulos had been fouled struck the crossbar and bounced clear of danger.

Olympic's pressure paid off and in the 76th minute they equalised when a crisp back-header from substitute Mark Koussas was confidently driven into

goal from an acute angle by Phillips.

With the scores locked at 1-1 after 90 minutes of play, extra-time was needed to determine the outcome.

Marconi had the perfect opportunity to move into the lead in the 93rd minute but Brown's attempt after heading past Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier flew over the top.

Olympic's winner came eight minutes later. Phillips beat the offside trap and centred the ball for Koussas to slam home.

MARCONI: James, Spanos, McCulloch, Henderson, Carter (Carbone 117), Calderan (Mariani 71), Mason, Lowe, Brown, Jankovics, Sharne.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Jennings, Dakos, Coady, Phillips, Raskopoulos, Kalantzis (Lambropoulos 118), Soper (Koussas 71), Katholos, Theodorakopoulos.

REFEREE: G. Power. **CROWD:** 5,565 (double header).



□ **MARSHALL SOPER**, who played in Olympic's first semi-final but missed the Sydney City match, is held back by Marconi defender John Spanos.



□ **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** striker Mark Koussas climbs above Keith Falconer in the major semi-final.

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ROUND UP

OLVER THE HERO FOR HEIDELBERG

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOCCEROO standby goalkeeper Jeff Olver emerged the hero of the minor semi-final in the top five series of the National Conference.

Olver saved twice during the penalty shoot-out to give Heidelberg a 3-2 win over Brisbane Lions and lift his team into the preliminary final of the Conference.

The two teams remained deadlocked after 120 minutes of play and the game resorted to penalties to decide the winner.

It was then that the mighty Lions outfit collapsed under the tremendous pressure imposed upon them by the shootout.

Russell Stewart took the first penalty for Brisbane Lions blasting his shot against the upright.

Heidelberg defender Steve Marley, however, was on target to give Heidelberg the lead.

Lions sunk deeper into trouble when extra-time substitute Paul Burns failed to place the ball into the net. Jeff Olver read his casual shot and dived to his left to deflect it.

Stuart Stevenson kept the 11,000-strong crowd in suspense, blasting his shot against the post to prevent Heidelberg from enhancing their lead.

Lions levelled through Alan Niven. The experienced defender slotted the ball into the net, rising the hopes of his side for a possible win.

His jubilation, however, was very short-lived because Heidelberg's stalwart Charlie Yankos, back from two weeks' suspension, put them in the lead for the second time with a powerful shot.

John Ogden revived once again Lions' hopes with the equaliser. Theo Selemidis, however, made certain that Heidelberg regained the lead with a nicely taken shot that gave Wayne Evans no chance.

Alan Hunter, arguably the man of the match, lived the most disappointing moments of his life after failing to beat Olver with his deciding shot. The big man fired a casual shot which gave Olver no difficulties to parry.

That was the end of the impressive Lions campaign in this year's championship.

The Northerners had covered some 10,000 km in the top five series and were confident they would reach the Grand Final after they had beaten Brunswick Juventus 4-2 in the opening match of the series.

Such was their disappointment that after the game most of them broke down and cried, together with their emotional coach Gordon Arrowsmith.

Arrowsmith stated after the game that he felt for his players who had performed extremely well in the latter part of the championship and felt they deserved a much better fate.

Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey, though pleased with the win, admitted that his team had failed yet again to capitalise on the scoring opportunities they created.

SOUTH MELBOURNE SHOW CHAMPIONSHIP STYLE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE champions South Melbourne advanced to the Grand Final with an impressive 3-2 win over Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park.

South Melbourne came from behind to overturn what seemed a certain win for Melbourne Croatia.

Croatia were leading 1-0 until six minutes from full-time after a goal by Steve Gojevic one minute before half-time.

South Melbourne captain John Yzendoorn led the onslaught with the equaliser in the 84th minute.

The dynamic centre half levelled the score from an Egan cross causing Melbourne Croatia to crash spectacularly and surrender to their opposition.

The destructive power of targetman Doug Brown netted South Melbourne.

"We applied a lot of pressure on our opponents, particularly during extra-time, and created the opportunities to clinch the game. Our failure to put the chances away subjected us to the nerve-wracking experience of the penalty shootout.

"I suppose every win is a good win and this one is no exception," he said.

The game itself did not produce a very great spectacle as both sides treated one another cautiously.

The tight defensive tactics they applied throughout the game limited their ventures up-field and forced them at times to resort to purposeless midfield play that gave neither team an advantage.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Marley, Angele, Yankos, McLeod, Valentine, Selemidis, Petersen, Winn, Tasios, Stevenson.

BRISBANE LIONS: Evans, Vasquez, McSkimming, Hunter, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Cairney (Ogden 114), McDonagh (Burns 114), Junna, Daunt.

REFEREE: S. Zoumas. **CROWD:** 11,000 (double-header).

two goals within two minutes.

Brown combined superbly with team-mate Oscar Crino to produce two winning goals.

Brown shot South Melbourne to the lead in the 95th minute from a Crino pass and repeated the action a minute later to secure South's advancement to the Grand Final.

Croatia replied in the 114th minute with a fine individual goal from Tommy Cumming to reduce the score to 3-2.

However, South Melbourne had no problems holding out Croatia to register their 10th successive victory and set up their appearance in next Sunday's Grand Final against the winner of Wednesday night's preliminary final between Croatia and Heidelberg.

Melbourne Croatia lost Keith Adams in the closing minutes of the game. He

was dismissed by South Australian referee Don Campbell.

Despite Sunday's loss, Croatia remain confident of earning another crack at South Melbourne on Sunday.

Croatia defeated Heidelberg 2-1 last Wednesday night in their first clash in the top five series and they are hopeful they will repeat their feat.

Heidelberg, on the other hand, are confident that with Ian McKie in the line-up they will be able to revenge that defeat.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, Yzendoorn, Kanesoulis, Halford, Crino, Egan, Brown, Murphy.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Banovic, Curcio, Parton, Lewis, Deankovic, Antolovic, Campbell, Biskic, Gojevic, Brogan (Adams 103), Cumming.

REFEREE: D. Campbell. **CROWD:** 11,000.



DOUG BROWN

TRIUMPH FOR BRISBANE UNDERDOGS

BRISBANE LIONS coach Gordon Arrowsmith shed tears after his team won its first qualifying round of the top five in the National Conference at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

Overcome by emotion, Arrowsmith commented: "The win was fair reward for the underdogs who travelled south determined not to be intimidated by Juventus."

Lions staged a gallant performance to down Brunswick Juventus 4-2

and sent stern warnings to the other participants not to underestimate them in the race for the 1984 championship.

The northerners exploited fully weaknesses in a disjointed Juventus side and came from behind twice to win the game in style.

Having overcome the setback of an early goal by Joe Sweeney, Lions gradually took control of the game and levelled the score after 21 minutes through McDonagh.

Their recovery however, was short-lived for within the minute, Sweeney shot Juventus to the lead for the second time.

advantage over our opponents, but we let them off the hook later by allowing them to equalise and take control."

Garvey had few words to say about the quality of refereeing: "I have always respected Chris Bambridge as a referee but his performance tonight disappointed me a great deal. Most of his decisions went against us and at times I was surprised to see him charging my players with offences that could have gone the other way."

intercepted by Cumming.

David Brogan converted the penalty sending Jeff Olver in the wrong direction.

Melbourne Croatia continued pressurising their opponents in the second half but poor finishing deprived them of a third goal.

Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey blamed his players for the loss. "We gave the game away," lamented Garvey, "because we did not apply ourselves properly. We scored an early goal that gave us a tremendous

opportunities created. "In addition, we gave two goals away helping our opponents to win the game."

Gordon Arrowsmith was full of praise for his boys, whom he described as "a delightful bunch of lads willing to perform at their best on any occasion. Tonight's performance was yet another indication of the change in attitude that has occurred in Brisbane Lions in recent weeks. I hope we continue winning for the sake of this dedicated bunch of players."

Arrowsmith revealed to ASW that the Lions committee have offered him a year's contract and he is determined to take up the offer, because of his fruitful association with the club in the few weeks he has been with them.

BRUNSWICK JUVENUS: Martin, Geremia (Drinoczky 46), Campbell, Rogers, Dowie, Lloyd, Cullen, Miranda, Sweeney, Ward, Zinni.

LIONS: Evans, Jackson, Vasquez, Hunter, Niven, R. Stewart, J. Stewart, Anderson, McDonagh (McSkimming 81), Junna, Daunt (Cairney 63).

REFEREE: S. Mellings. **ATTENDANCE:** 3,800. (double header.)

VRZINA KNEW THEY'D WIN!

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

MELBOURNE CROATIA coach Tony Vrzina produced the quote of the year when he said he "had the recipe for beating Heidelberg United" before his team even took the field for its first game in the top five series.

Vrzina had every right to the claim after his team downed Heidelberg United 2-1 in a see-saw affair marked by some physical tackles — plus a disappointing display of refereeing by FIFA ref Chris Bambridge.

Heidelberg got off to a dream start. Mike Petersen netted after 60 seconds with a header from a cross by Ian McKie and set his team on course for a win.

Croatia, however, denied them the pleasure of that win in the 12th minute when Peter Lewis bent the ball in the net from 25 metres, levelling the score.

Heidelberg lost their composure after the equaliser and allowed Croatia to move forward regularly and search for the winning goal.

Jimmy Campbell rattled the crossbar in the 21st minute with a powerful shot from a Gojevic cross.

Unperturbed by the miss, Croatia continued attacking and in the 31st minute took the lead from a penalty awarded against Ian McKie for fouling Tommy Cumming.

McKie committed the offence trying to retrieve the ball from a loose back pass that gave us a tremendous



RUSSELL STEWART

A comedy of errors in Juventus' defence allowed the visitors back into the game when Russell Stewart grabbed the equal-

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Banovic, Curcio, Parton, Lewis, Deankovic, Campbell, Biskic, Gojevic, Brogan, Cumming, Antolovic.

HEIDELBERG UNITED: Olver, McKie, Marley, Angele, McLeod, Valentine, Selemidis, Petersen, Tasios (Metaxas 84), Winn, Stevenson.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.

ATTENDANCE: 3,800 (double header.)

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COADY — ALL CLASS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CRACK centre-back Mike Coady has been one of Sydney Olympic's quiet achievers this season.

In fact, Olympic's defence revolves around the former England first division player.

Olympic finished the League only two points behind the champions, Sydney City, and the main reason for their great success was Olympic's defensive record.

They conceded only 27 goals in 28 matches to give them the second best defensive figure in the League.

And make no mistake, Coady was largely responsible for this achievement, enabling Olympic to collect points with a great degree of consistency.

The English centre-back

has a silent manner of leadership about him, bringing stability to his defence and making his sweeper Tony Dakos' job ever so much easier.

Mike Coady has it all. Vision, style, experience and method. His professionalism is contagious, inspiring the entire Sydney Olympic back-four.

Coady played for Sunderland in England and made his first grade debut against the powerful Manchester United.

And what an initiation it was to be for young Mike Coady.

Sunderland's manager had assigned Coady to look after the powerful, ex-

perienced, tough-as-teak Scotland World Cup striker, Joe Jordan.

Jordan continually got "stuck in" to the youngster, but Coady never shirked his objective.

At the end of that match the scoreboard read Sunderland 0, United 0.

Coady had done his job. I asked Mike just how he felt marking such a rough customer like Jordan.

'Unbelievable'

Coady recalled: "I can assure you it was less than easy. I came off that pitch that day covered in blood. He was all arms and legs throughout the match. Unbelievable."

"But the moment the final whistle blew, Big Joe came up to me and shook my hand and said 'Well done lad.'"

"To this day I don't know how to take that because, although I never let him get away from me, I looked like I'd lost the battle. My strip was covered in blood... my blood!"

Tomorrow night against Apia, no doubt Sydney Olympic will again be looking to Coady for another excellent, sound performance.

In times when Soccer is getting tougher with more physical tackling by defenders, Coady does not resort to that type of play. Rather he goes about his duties with a degree of class, style and excellence.

Rarely will you see (if ever), a referee pulling up Coady for fouls or crunching tackles. It is just not his style.

That's class.

Last Sunday, Coady's job was to keep Sydney City's ace goalscorer John Kosmina under close guard.

Kosmina did not score. Enough said.

Mike Coady works for a large city retailer as a sales assistant in the electrical department. He is married to Jacqueline and they have an eight-month-old baby.



□ JOHN KOSMINA: close guard.



□ JOE JORDAN



□ MIKE COADY rises high above Penrith's Brian Jackson.

NSL TOP



□ LEFT: MURRAY Barnes, Sydney City's skipper, is close to Ratcliffe of St George.
□ RIGHT: PETER Raskopoulos, Sydney Olympic's captain, is a Sydney City opponent in the semi-final.

CAPTAINS AND CO

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

PETER RASKOPOULOS and Murray Barnes seem to think alike.

Immediately after last Sunday's match, the Sydney Olympic captain said: "Now we have to do it the hard way against Leichhardt to get another crack at Sydney City. We must meet again."

"Sydney City have much experience and many fine players to fear. They're

good unit. With Grant Lee firing well up-front with Kosmina, they put up a good show."

"But if Olympic can put it all together, we can more than match them."

Sydney City had just eased out Olympic on penalties with the victors missing one and Olympic

two. In the Sydney City dressing room, skipper Murray Barnes said: "I think Olympic has too much class and speed for Leichhardt and I expect we will meet them again in the Grand Final."

John Kosmina endorsed his captain's statement:



□ TERRY BUTLER, Leichhardt's captain and midfield general, in action.

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ARNES, Sydney City marked by Dave [unclear]
RASKOPOULOS, captain, climbs above [unclear] in last Sunday's



PHOTO: DAVID JELLINGS

ARE CONFIDENT

"They're a good side Olympic, make no mistake I think they'll toss Leichhardt and we'll see them again next Sunday."

Meanwhile, Sydney City's champion coach, Eddie Thomson, remarked: "I would rather play Olympic in the Grand Final as they come at you. They are fast with non-stop attacking style and put up a great

game.

"That's what the fans want

"We will have Alex Roberston back next Sunday, as well as Graeme Fletcher, so in theory we should be a little stronger."

Thomson continued. "But remember, this will be an entirely different game and I expect a huge crowd to turn out"



against Mark Jankovics last Sunday

PENALTIES WON'T BE NECESSARY!

BY DAVID JACK

SYDNEY OLYMPIC fans should stay away from St George Stadium tomorrow night — unless they want to see their favourite team getting a hiding!

That's the tip from Frank Sbisra, general manager of Leichhardt Apia, who play Olympic in the NSL final. "Sydney Olympic have a problem with penalty kicks, it seems," says Sbisra.

"Well, it won't be a problem tomorrow. Apia will be so far ahead after 90 minutes, there won't be any need for extra-time or penalty kicks!"

Sbisra is oozing confidence on the eve of the big game

"Having got rid of the major worry, when we eliminated Marconi, I'm sure Apia will go all the way to the Grand Final now," he predicted

"From the semi-final results, it's obvious all these teams are evenly balanced, but you can put all your money on Apia to beat Olympic.

"We'll beat them comfortably."

Sbisra rates 19 year-old Vincent Colagiuri "the find" of the NSL semi-final series

Colagiuri, who has spent all year in the Youth League, was brought on against Marconi as a substitute

And as the Apia general manager says: "The boy ran round three top defenders to score a great goal which put us 2-1 ahead in extra-time. Then he followed up with a perfect penalty kick in the shoot-out."

Colagiuri, a trainee PE teacher, used to be with St George but Saints released him so young Vince teamed up with Leichhardt Apia

"He has had a long wait to get his big chance, but he grabbed that chance and showed 11,000 spectators what he could do," added Sbisra

□ VINCE COLAGIURI: may be the "find" of the top five



BOTTALICO IS WORRIED

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

LEICHHARDT coach Fil Bottalico is concerned about injuries that might hinder his side's performance in tomorrow night's final against Sydney Olympic.

Bottalico said after the Marconi match: "We should have finished the job against them much earlier than waiting for the final result to be decided by penalties."

Leichhardt pushed Marconi out of the finals and now face Olympic at St George Stadium, kick-off

7.30 pm.

Bottalico said, "I am worried because we have some injuries. Peter Treddinck, Terry Butler, Tony Morsello and Vic Bozanic are all carrying injuries. I'll be struggling at this stage to field a team.

"But you must admit, we have done much more than

most people expected of us this year. I'll just have to wait and see at training who is available for selection."

Leichhardt had a good season finishing fourth on the Australian Conference ladder after going down to Marconi in the last League match, enabling their oppo-

nents to leap-frog them into third spot

But last Sunday, they reversed the result and now back up against Olympic.

It's imperative that Leichhardt has Terry Butler on deck as he is their midfield general, just as Peter Raskopoulos is for Sydney Olympic



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□ LEFT: MARK BROWN (Aplia)



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□ RIGHT: TERRY BUTLER (Aplia) takes on JIMMY PATIKAS (Sydney Olympic)



□ TONY PEZZANO (Sydney City)

SYDNEY OLYMPIC'S SQUAD

1. MEIER Gary
2. ROGERS Martyn
3. JENNINGS Graham
4. DAKOS Tony
5. COADY Michael
6. PHILLIPS Gary
7. RASKOPOULOS Peter (capt.)
8. PATIKAS Jim
9. SOPER Marshall
10. KATHOLOS Peter
11. KOUSSAS Mark
12. PATALIS Terry
14. NAUMOV Robert
15. KALANTZIS Chris
16. THEODORAKOPOULOS Nick
17. LAMBROPOULOS Alex



Coach: Manfred Schaefer



□ GERRY GOMEZ (Sydney City)

APIA'S SQUAD

1. PARKS Bobby
2. BOZANIC Vic
3. BROWN Mark
4. BERTOIGNA Arno
5. PULLEN Mark
6. BUTLER Terry (capt.)
7. BRADLEY John
8. GRAY Ian
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13. ZIRAS Jim
14. GENOVESE Tony
15. VAN EGMOND Gary
16. SPINA Carlo
17. COLAGIURI Vince



Coach: Fil Bottalico



□ TONY DAKOS (Sydney Olympic)

SYDNEY CITY'S SQUAD

1. PEZZANO Tony
2. GOMEZ Gerardo
3. ROBERTSON Alex
4. O'CONNOR Steve
5. de MARIGNY Jean-Paul
6. KAY Paul
7. WATSON Joe
8. BARNES Murray (capt.)
9. LEE Grant
10. KOSMINA John
11. FALCONER Peter
12. FLETCHER Graeme
13. RODRIGUES Ean
14. MURRAY Willie
15. FALCONER Keith
16. FOXMAN John



Coach: Eddie Thomson



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□ ABOVE: PETER KATHOLOS, Sydney Olympic's dominating midfielder on the ball.

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□ ABOVE: GRANT LEE, Sydney City's young striker jumps high for a header.

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□ JOHN KOSMINA (Sydney City - left) and ARNO BERTOIGNA (Aplia) fight for possession.

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Last year's NSW Player of the Year was Phil O'Connor who won a colour television set presented by Radio Rentals.

This year, there are several candidates for the

big prize, including David Ratcliffe, John Kosmina, Graham Jennings, Peter Raskopoulos, Gary Meier, Ian Gray, Tommy McCulloch, Joe Watson, Stuart Selva, Paul Kay, Peter Tredinnick and Tony Dakos.

There have been many distinguished previous winners of the NSW Player of the Year award.

They are: 1976 Doug Utjesenovic, 1977 Jimmy Rooney, 1978 Peter Stone, 1979 Ivo Prskalo, 1980 Peter Share, 1981 Ian Souness, 1982 Joe Watson and, of course, 1983 Phil

O'Connor.

ASPA appeals to all members to get their votes in now. And make your bookings for the function which will be held, as usu-

al, at the Journalists Club in Chalmers Street, Sydney.

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TOO HOT FOR THE ARROWS

BY PETER RUSSELL

THE long coach trip from Canberra and the steamy hot weather took its toll of the Canberra Arrows Youth team in their match against St George in the Final of the National Youth League top four series.

The Arrows arrived at the ground just 35 minutes before kick-off after travelling for four and a half hours in a coach which was not air-conditioned.

Within 15 minutes of the start both sides had slowed to a canter in the humid conditions, neither able to produce that sharpness required to create scoring chances. We had to wait until the 11th minute before the first real shot at goal when PETER PETKOVSKI tested Arrows keeper GEORGE ECONOMOPOULOS.

Apart from a CHRIS POLIAS header midway through the half that went just over the Arrows crossbar, play reverted to a mediocre midfield battle with both sides preferring to play a short passing game to reduce running in the heat.

The second half was a lot livelier as the southerly change arrived and within five minutes of the restart, SAINTS took the lead when DAVE BATTEN ran on to a CHRIS POLIAS pass to beat the keeper with an angled shot.

The goal spurred the Arrows and they set out in search of the equaliser with MANIS LAMOND prominent and showing his class, creating an air of expectancy every time he was on the ball. But all too often, he was a couple of steps ahead of his opponents and one step ahead of his own support, setting up chances for FRANK D'ADDARIO and GIOFFETELLI, then trying his luck himself beating three players before testing WARWICK YOUNG with a good shot.

Against the run of play, Saints nearly grabbed another goal with a breakaway when BATTEN beat two defenders before forcing a great save from ECONOMOPOULOS. A minute later, the Arrows nearly grabbed the equal-

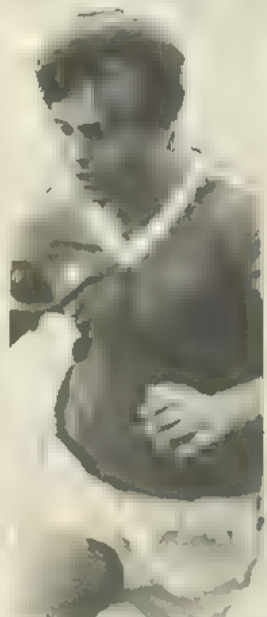
iser when LAMOND broke free down the right flank and sent a perfect early ball across the edge of the six yard box where FRANK D'ADDARIO just failed to connect properly.

A minute later and the Arrows again went close when substitute MICHAEL MENDEZ got in a glancing header at the near post

from a JOE GAGETTI cross but YOUNG managed to parry it for a corner kick. Saints started to revive and for the last 10 minutes, comfortably contained Arrows to run out deserved winners to advance to the Grand Final against Melita Eagles at St George Stadium on Sunday.

ST GEORGE: Young, High, Danaskos, Zantides, Moffitt, Spurovski, Batten, Benitez (Svynos), Polias, Pappas (Strasshofer), Petkovski.

CANBERRA: Economopoulos, Fiorese, Gagetti, Dunn, Shields, Young (Byrne), Mazis, Cerro, Gioffetelli (Mendez), D'Addario, Lamond.



□ PETER PETKOVSKI

GARVEY WINS COACH AWARD

HEIDELBERG UNITED coach Brian Garvey was voted Victorian Coach of the Year by the Victorian Branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

Serving his first year with Heidelberg, Garvey was rewarded by the Victorian Soccer writers for his successful work with the club.

The Victorian NSL Player of the Year Award went to South Melbourne and Australia's gifted midfielder Oscar Cnno.

John Kanesoulis, also of South Melbourne, won the Victorian U21 NSL Award for his advancement to the

National League and his good performances in the latter half of the championship.

FIFA referee Stuart Mellings was awarded the Victorian Referee of the Year, for his consistency.

The Bill Fleming Award for the Best State League Player was presented to the top scorer in the State League, Steve Smyth of Box Hill.

— CON NIKOLOPOULOS

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CHIT HAT



GARY MAROCCHI, former Adelaide City and Socceroo midfielder, was a keen follower of the recent national Under 15 titles in Western Australia.

Marocchi, who was named as a future Australian captain during the 1977 World Cup qualifying series by then national coach Jimmy Shoulder, is captain-coach of Perth Azzurri.

Another Azzurri player present at the U15 series was Frank Farone, who was a member of the 1983 Australian Youth squad.

IT was a case of divided loyalties for Paul Daley in the Australian Conference relegation battle last week.

Daley was sweeper for Penrith City, who defeated Parramatta Melita 2-0 to send Melita down to State League next season.

However, Paul's girl friend Sharon wasn't impressed, as she's an avid Melita fan!

Melita must have rued losing Daley and Mickey Cross at the start of the season, as the two defenders have been among Penrith's most consistent players.

MIDFIELDER Phil Kerr had a double reason to celebrate when he scored in Wollongong City's 2-1 win over Newcastle.

The goal was Kerr's first in the League, and put Wollongong on the way to their win at Newcastle.

Kerr is keen to stay on with the Wollongong club next season after playing well in the second half of 1984.

He likes to play on the left side of midfield and has proved a handy asset to coach Adrian Alston this season.

KICK-OFF times in the Australian Conference double-header at St George Stadium last Wednesday night were poorly planned.

Rules of the series demanded a firm result for each match.

Both matches involved extra-time (30 minutes), which meant the Olympic-Marconi game ended at 20 minutes to midnight.

That is far too late — for spectators and press deadlines.

It could have gone on even longer, as the matches would have been decided on penalty kicks if still equal after extra-time.

WOLLONGONG striker Glenn Fontana may have played his last game with the South Coast club.

He is very keen on coaching and could easily land himself a player-coach role for 1985.

Fontana signed with Wollongong when the club was formed in 1981 under coach Ken Morton.

A school teacher, Fontana has been promoted in his job. He will become a deputy principal at Helensburgh.

If he has played his last game with Wollongong, he went out in style as he scored a goal in their 2-1 win at

FORMER Wollongong and Heidelberg NSL coach Kenny Morton is considering a move to Sydney from his present home in Tasmania.

Morton coached the Wolves in 1981-82, then had a short stint with Heidelberg last year.

This year he was player-coach for Hobart's Juventus.

Under his control, the club took out the "grand slam" in Tasmanian Soccer, winning every honour available.

Morton can be contacted on 002-44 5763.

ALEX TOBIN, in his first NSL year for Adelaide City after being bought from State League club Birkalla, has had a great ending to the season.

He has been selected for the national squad in training for next year's World Youth Cup.

A giant full-back, he can also play in midfield.

He has joined West striker Nick Malavazos in the squad which will tour the Riverina area for two games at the end of this month.



□ ALEX TOBIN

ST GEORGE are certainly not one of the better-supported teams, but they reckon they've many more fans than some other NSL clubs.

Saints claim that, when they played Penrith at St Marys, there were 1,000 spectators at the match — and 750 of them were St George fans.

WHILE Adelaide City ended the season on a bright note with a 2-1 win over Brisbane City to move up a notch on the National Conference table, it was done almost in silence.

For starters the Monday was a public holiday in SA, so the majority of fans were off for the long weekend.

The microphone didn't work, so there were no team line-ups or goalscorers announced.

And to complete the picture there were no ball-boys!



NICK THEODORAKOPOULOS has not played for as many clubs as there are letters in his name, but he did make a good start.

As a youngster he began Soccer with Hurlstone Park Wanderers in the Canterbury district. Then he moved on to Western Suburbs and next linked up with Apia U15 Youth League team, then switching to Sydney City as an U16.

Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic was his next port of call. He played there for three years and topped the NSW State League scorers with 17 goals in 1983 before joining Sydney Olympic.

Born in Bathurst, Nick is studying for his Arts degree at the University of NSW with a view to a teaching career.



MARCONI have no plans to bring back Ricky Budini, who is on loan to NSW State League club, Avala.

It was thought that, after Budini won the coveted Rothmans Medal, Marconi would recall him.

They won't. So if the Rothmans winner wants to play in 1985, he'll have to find another club.

INTERESTING to note the number of players who appeared in the Penrith-Melita relegation decider who have been involved with relegated clubs earlier in their careers.

Mickey Cross, David McIntosh (Penrith), Kenny Wilson, Alec Jamieson and Derek Laing (Melita) were members of the Sydney Olympic team relegated in 1979.

The following year St George dropped out of the NSL with Penrith's McIntosh and Roy Cotton and Melita's Billy Griffiths on their books.



□ DAVE MCINTOSH (left) pictured from his days with Sydney Olympic in the 1970s.

IN Sydney the NSL provided the media with a hand-out in which some club officials discussed the top five series.

The idea was to publicise the series.

Somebody should have told Leichhardt coach Fil Bottalico. Fil's message was "I am not very keen on the top five. The first team past the post should be the winner as in other Soccer countries."

WHY doesn't somebody at the Australian Soccer Federation reveal how the World Series in May-June finished financially?

The strange silence can only inspire and increase rumours that the international matches showed a very heavy cash loss.

Come on ASF... don't be so coy.

Was the series a winner or a costly flop?

COMMENTATOR on Sydney Radio 2GB, discussing a Rugby League match in which many punches were thrown stated: "I love a good punch-up. I think they're tremendous."

That sort of thinking, which is shared by many followers of Rugby League, is the real reason why thousands of youngsters have switched from the Rugby codes to Soccer in NSW.



NEWCASTLE goalkeeper Clint Gosling received a much deserved opportunity to represent New Zealand when chosen for the National team to play in Fiji, England and Scotland.

Born in Liverpool, England, he went to New Zealand as a five-year-old.

He has travelled to Liverpool to train with the club and no doubt will make another sentimental journey back whilst in England.

NSW STATE LEAGUE

WIGNALL RESIGNS

COMPILED BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

WARRINGAH-NARRABEEN have suffered a crucial blow to their 1985 plans with the shock resignation of coach John Wignall.

The Saints have enjoyed considerable success under the guidance of Wignall in the past two years, including promotion from Second to First Division. Understandably, Wignall was upset at leaving the club.

"It's a great disappointment after such a successful two-year period," the ex-Riverwood player said. "I had no other real alternative. I've just been promoted at work and that

means I'll be transferring to our Lidcombe branch.

"Travelling from Cronulla to Lidcombe for work and then to Warringah would be just too much.

"I'm very sorry about leaving. You couldn't ask for a better club," Wignall added.

Reached aim

Warringah's plans in their first season in the top grade did bear fruit. As

Wignall says: "We finished with 18 points and that's what the club aimed for."

"The idea was to consolidate our position in the First Division and then build for the future," he said.

Did Warringah play to the best of their ability?

"We had perfect harmony within the ranks this year," Wignall said.

"The team displayed a lot of guts and character

Disappointment for Warringah coach

and we never suffered from back-biting, unlike most other clubs.

"I think the club must try to buy two or three experienced players if they wish to make the top four next year."

Wignall was impressed with level of dedication from the younger players at the club. Two in particular stood out.

"Chris Hanley and Steve Mahoney did extremely well this year," he said.

"It's pleasing to see them come through the

ranks. They can only get better with the experience."

The performances of goalkeeper Peter Dean, brother Alan and experienced striker Billy Bulloch were also factors in Warringah's year of consolidation.

What of Wignall's future? "I'll be playing it by ear," he said.

"I'm open to offers — particularly in the southern suburbs."

"Once you've coached a first grade team it's always good to stay in the top grade," Wignall concluded.



□ JOHN WIGNALL: work promotion.



□ ALAN DEAN: top performer for Warringah.



□ GREENISLAND'S SUCCESSFUL 1984 TEAM

GREENISLAND ARE DESTINED FOR THE TOP

ONE New South Wales team destined for success in the future is Inter-Urban fifth division club Greenisland.

Last year the Cypriot-Turkish supported club won the premier league competition in the Southern and Eastern Districts Association and were promoted to the Inter-Urban competition.

This year they have maintained their fine form and at the conclusion of the competition won the minor premiership in both grades.

The first grade side dropped only six points this season and they were also leading goalscorers from both the NSW State League and Inter-Urban competition with 95 goals to their credit.

One player who has been in outstanding form is 21-year-old midfielder Erkin Osman. For the past two years he has been leading goalscorer at the club and this year netted 30 goals.

Osman is positive the club can continue to succeed and climb right up to the State League competition.

"I think our side is good enough to play in the State League second division," the ex-Canterbury-Marriekville player said.

"We wouldn't have many

problems working our way up there during the next couple of years."

"Our player-coach, Dervish Mustafa, has been a credit to the club. He represented the Cypriot national team for 10 years," Osman said.

Greenisland are so determined to play in the top league they are currently looking to buy out a club.

"Officials are currently looking around to see if we could buy or merge with another club," Osman said.

"We approached Bankstown National but declined in the end. I'm sure we have a lot to offer."

"Crowd support has never been a problem. We usually get over 400 people to most of our games," Osman added.

Osman's talents don't just lie outdoors. During the past two years the youngster has been represented Australia in Indoor Soccer.

"It's a great game for your skills," he said.

"In the first week of November I'll be down in Melbourne playing in an international tournament at the Sports

and Entertainment Centre." With players of Osman's calibre, Greenisland are destined for a great future.

□ ERKIN OSMAN



'RICHIE' WON'T RETIRE

BY PHIL MURPHY

FAIRY MEADOW midfielder Mick Richardson has handed out a warning to NSW State League midfielders by taking out the inaugural Second Division Player of the Year award.

At 31, Richardson was judged Best and Fairest Player in the league, finishing ahead of Revesby's Greg Byles by four points.

The award was judged throughout the season with points awarded on a three, two and one basis by opposing club officials.

"Richo," as he is affectionately known to Fairy Meadow supporters, has no thoughts of retirement.

"If Joe Watson can play in midfield for Australia at 32, I think I can handle the State League," he said.

"I hope to have another four seasons before I hang up the boots."

Also a keen surfer, Richardson said the appointment of Mike Johnson as coach helped him a lot this season.

He said Johnson has a great knack of getting across to players just what he wants them to

do. "In past years, I haven't been keen on training but this season I hardly missed a session and really enjoyed my football," he said.

"We played well as a team and it was a great moment when we beat Wollongong Macedonia in that last game to go up."

Richardson has been with Fairy Meadow for 11 seasons after playing his junior soccer with Tarrawanna.

He gave up Soccer for surfing but returned when he was 20 for a season with Fairy Meadow before having the next season with Fernhill.

Since then, he has had no inclination to play with another club.

Along with full-back Micky White, Richardson is Fairy Meadow's longest serving player and is a popular figure with club supporters.

His main strengths are his ability to win the ball in midfield and be able to start an attack with creative play when he goes forward.

Richardson is now looking forward to a summer in the surf, but he will be among the first players back at training in January.

Don't be surprised if Mick Richardson is up there vying for the Rothman's Medal in 1985.

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TURNER CUP PRESENTATION

THE All-Schools U15 championship went to Wallsend High from Fairfield Patrician Brothers, with Corrimal and Booragul High Schools also in the final four of the original 270 entrant schools.



□ A PROUD moment for John Govan, the captain of Wallsend High School's Bill Turner Cup team, as he accepts congratulations from Craig Johnston and the Cup from Bill Turner. Alan Tredinnick, the Northern NSW Soccer Federation president, is on the left.



□ "THIS is what we've been waiting for," John Govan seems to say as he excitedly accepts the Cup from Bill Turner after leading Wallsend High to a 3-1 victory over Sydney's Patrician Brothers College Fairfield. Behind John is David McKenna.



□ CAPTAIN of Wallsend High School's victorious Bill Turner Cup team, John Govan, receives the winners pennant from the President of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation, Alan Tredinnick.



□ BACK ROW: Simon Rose, Nicholas Smith, Lee Brown, Michael Roberts, Frank Kocsis (coach), Ivan Sofaris, Joseph Campagna, David Fraser.
FRONT ROW: Craig Cannock, Stuart McGregor, Jason Blachellberger, Rhys Pender, Joshua Chappelow.

WONDERFUL KIDS AT WESTON CREEK

FOUR consecutive premierships — and only two regular competition losses in four years.

That's the phenomenal record of Weston Creek's Under 10 side in Canberra.

And much of the credit can go to the team's coach Frank Kocsis, a former Dutch first division player and qualified coach who entered the junior coaching circuit disillusioned with a number of senior coaching positions.

Frank pays homage to the theory that a coach is only as good as the players he has to work with.

"And in that regard," said Frank, "I've had some wonderful kids.

"The talent is here in Australia — we just have to keep them interested."

Frank's methods certainly have, of the Under 7 side he began with four seasons ago, 60 — perhaps 65 per cent — of the players are still with him.

And it was only this season, the team's first on full-

sized pitches, that it lost its first two games . . . but still won the premiership and the club's trophy for conceding the least number of goals, with 42 goals for and only 14 against.

"I love coaching kids," said Frank. "It has its own special reward.

"And I want to go on — I want to take this team right through to the Under 14 and 15 ranks."

Before coming to the National Capital in 1973, Frank had coached Croydon City in the then Melbourne Metropolitan League.

Soon after arriving in Canberra, he was appointed the ACT Under 16 rep coach and coach of ACT first division side, Queanbeyan City.

"I became disillusioned and decided to devote my time to coaching kids," said Frank . . . a decision for which his Weston Creek

charges are eternally grateful.

Does he have a special Frank Kocsis recipe for success?

"No," he replied, "apart from sheer commitment and the ability to instil in youngsters the view that the game has to be taken seriously while still allowing them sufficient latitude to enjoy what they're doing.

"I hope I've achieved that."

Certainly the team's

competitive spirit was shown in this year's final game. They met their arch-rivals Phillip, who had defeated them 2-0 earlier in the season, knowing they had to win to clinch the 1984 title.

And win they did . . . in fine style, reversing the previous score-line.

"I think we will keep nearly all of the boys for 1985 I'm hoping we can now make it five in a row," said Frank.

PLUCKY PAUL



PAUL BULLOCK, 11, is a courageous, young chap who played for Albury City.

But, adversity turned up and young Paul lost a leg through cancer.

When his team reached the finals, he travelled up from Melbourne by air ambulance to watch the games. Now with an artificial leg, Paul is looking forward to better times.

But wishes from all our readers, Paul.

'ENCOURAGING,' SAYS CRAIG

LIVERPOOL'S Australian superstar Craig Johnston was very impressed with a lot of the Soccer he saw in Australia.

He said: "I had been led to think that the standard here was in a bad way but it is not so.

"I haven't seen many games but they have been good.

"Deep down there must be something to be fixed and if so it should be done."

Johnston has attended the finals of both the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup and the Turner Cup

and he has been delighted with the enthusiasm in the schoolboy ranks.

After a long yarn with national coach Frank Arok, Johnston believes that we are in there with a chance.

"My feeling with Arok is that he has an overwhelming ambition to be a winner," he said.

"I believe this attitude augurs well for Australia's future," he said.

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NO 'GREY' DAYS

GRAYS POINT is a leading Sutherland Shire Soccer Club, and is a colourful outfit as well. It is a pity we can't show them in colour because they have an outstanding strip. The shirt sections are royal blue, white and red, with blue shorts and white socks. Here is a picture of their U15B team which won their minor and major premiership for 1984. They scored 125 goals and only allowed eight in against them.



□ Back row: Gavin Lucas (half-back), Paul McDonald (right wing), Cameron Smith (goalkeeper), David Foulcher (sweeper), David Hills (centre-forward). Front row: Craig Gibson (inside-left), Paul Paton (right-back), Stephen Webster (centre-back), Mark Earl (left-back), with Gerry McDonald (left-manager) and John Hills (right-coach). Absent: Steve Paton (inside-right), Andrew Bridgeman (wing) and Warren McCulloch (left-wing).

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Peter Gray, president of the senior clubs, reckons that they are two years off going places.

"The talent is there, but

some of it is not quite ready," he says.

Recently the Association held a packed-out 32nd Annual Dinner at the plush Cronulla RSL Club and over 300 attended.

There were celebrations over winning the NSW Under 14 championship.

Newly-appointed director of coaching, Bruce Tilt handled the successful

team assisted by Graham Stanke.

Bruce has big ideas to develop more skilled players and probably he will continue to have a run with Port Hacking club as well.

At Sutherland, they do not do things by halves.

The licensed club is about to go ahead with improvements, which will cost \$250,000.

Computer expert Bernie Lang set up a \$20,000 machine to assist conduct of the competitions.

No wonder that this is a headache. Ground shortages are so intense that each ground must handle 13 teams.

The Ladies Auxiliary certainly lends a hand.

President Mrs Elaine Marka and secretary Mrs Van Bueck handed over a \$1,000 cheque at the presentation to assist the Association.

BLACKTOWN'S RECOVERY

DESPITE intensive training, the Blacktown Association U14 representative team failed to fire until the last six games of the second round.

In this devastating finish, Blacktown defeated Central

Coast 2-1, Canterbury-Marrickville 4-3, Avala 3-1, Manly 1-0 and drew 2-2 with Gladesville and 0-0 with Nepean.

Coach Chris Bell had searched the district with a fine tooth-comb for strikers and the youngster who saw the season out did not find his real form until late in the year.

Chris Bell is now planning the way ahead in the under 15 for 1985.



□ Back row: J. Scott, S. Reynolds, G. Bull, D. Caruso, D. Parsons, M. Tartaglia, C. Ferguson, S. McKay. Front row: M. Spring, S. Davis, J. McMiles, M. Dorhauer, D. Parsons, D. Cook.

NSW CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

EPPING-EASTWOOD U17 team pulled off one of the biggest surprises of the entire tournament by defeating highly-fancied West United from Granville District SFA in their semi-final on Sunday.

The Gladesville-Hornsby FA club goes through to play Earlwood from Canterbury District in Sunday's final.

Sydney City's 4-2 win on corners after they and Crest club from Bankstown District were 2-2 on goals after extra-time was a very

close result.

In fact Crest, playing some very fine football, went two corners ahead before Sydney City surged into the lead.

All presentations will be made at the conclusion of each match in Sunday's finals at Parklea.

SEMI-FINAL RESULTS:

U8: Southern Districts 2, St Andrews 0; Rooty Hill RSL 3, Earlwood 0.

U9: Merrylands 6, Wakehurst 1; Revesby Workers 1, Blacktown Pioneers 0.

U10: Blacktown United 1, APIA-Leichhardt 0; Winston Hills 2, St George 2 (replay at Peakhurst Park, Tuesday night 6 pm).

U11: Marconi 3, Depto 1; Croatia 4, Southern and Eastern 3.

U12: Marconi 1, St George 0; Sydney City 4, Bankstown 2.

U13: Luddenham Croatia 5, Lake Heights 2; Macarthur 5, Southern and Eastern 0.

U14: Carlingford Redbacks 2, Hills Independent 1; Chullora 1, Hornsby Heights 0.

U15: Penrith RSL 2, Epping YMCA 1; Bankstown Sports 2, Blacktown Pioneers 1.

U16: Wilhelmina 1, Bankstown 0; Wetherill Park Westerners 0, Balgownie 0 (replay at Marconi Stadium, Tuesday night 7.30 pm).

U17: Earlwood 4, Southern and Eastern 3; Epping — Eastwood 3, West United 2.

U18: Hoxton Park 5, St George 3; Kissing Pt 2, Bankstown 0.

U21: Pendle Hill 1, Manly 0; Marrickville 2, Asquith 1.

ALL-AGE: Lakemba 0, 2c, Blacktown 0 1c; Rydalmere 0, St George 0 (replay at Peakhurst Park, Tuesday night 7.30 pm).

FINALS (in all groups to be played at Parklea, Sunday October 21):

U8: Rooty Hill RSL v Lansvale, Ground 2, 9 am.

U9: Merrylands v Revesby Workers, Ground 3, 9 am.

U10: Blacktown United v winner Winston Hills v St George, Ground 1, 9 am.

U11: Marconi v Croatia, Ground 4, 9 am.

U12: Marconi v Sydney City, Ground 2, 10 am.

U13: Macarthur v Luddenham Croatia, Ground 3, 10 am.

U14: Carlingford Redbacks v Chullora, Ground 3, 10 am.

U15: Penrith RSL v Bankstown Sports, Ground 4, 11 am.

U16: Wilhelmina v winner Wetherill Park v Balgownie, Ground 1, 11.30 am.

U17: Epping-Eastwood v Earlwood, Ground 4, 1 pm.

U18: Kissing Pt v Hoxton Park, Ground 1, 1 pm.

U21: Pendle Hill v Marrickville, Ground 4, 3 pm.

ALL-AGE: Lakemba v winner Rydalmere v St George, Ground 1, 3 pm.

WESTERN NSW'S GOLIATH & DAVID



BRET LANGFORD is the tallest of the Western NSW under 14 representatives and is the captain of the State country team. With him is the smallest Western NSW player — the "David" of the show — Andrew Stedman.

GRANT FOR LIGHTING

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED is moving ahead with improvements at Adamstown Oval with the aid of a NSW Government dollar-for-dollar grant.

The idea is to light the ground for night football and in all \$100,000 will be laid out to bring the floodlighting to the highest quality.

Club secretary Ernie Lamb is confident that a deal will be finalised with local Cricket authorities under which Adamstown Oval will be used for Soccer — and a Cricket ground developed on adjacent parklands.

Adamstown Rosebud, the parent club, is already 97 years old.

It would be great to see their offshoots playing on a first-class floodlit ground to celebrate their forthcoming centenary.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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BY JOHN ECONOMOS

A black and white portrait of a man with short, dark hair, wearing a military uniform with a high collar and epaulettes. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light color.

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KISSINGER BACK AS SOCCER BOSS

HENRY KISSINGER is back in the Soccer business in the USA.

RALE WILL REMEMBER

WHEN Joachim Streich led the East German forwards against England at Wembley, he became the 12th European player to represent his country 100 times.

Others include Bobby Charlton, Pat Jennings, Bobby Moore, Dino Zoff, Franz Beckenbauer and Billy Wright. The name Streich should revive memories for former Australian coach Rale Rasic.

Streich led the East German forward-line in Hamburg in 1974 when Australia met them in the first match in the World Cup. Before the game, Rasic said: "The one man I fear most is Joachim Streich — he's brilliant."

The former American Secretary of State has been appointed chairman of a new advisory board for Soccer.

The board will organise international fixtures, arrange development programmes at all levels and, without a doubt, they will

make a strong bid to have the USA as host of a forthcoming World Cup.

It is difficult to see how FIFA can ignore the USA as a World Cup Finals venue after the spectacular success of the Olympic Soccer tournament in that country.

STARS STAY HOME

WHILE Australia may lament the departure of Alan Davidson overseas, Uruguay has taken firm steps to make sure their World Cup stars don't leave.

National coach Omar Borrás has listed 11 play-

ers who are not permitted to leave the country until after the World Cup in Mexico.

The transfer ban will hit top club Penarol badly. Penarol cannot now collect transfer fees for five of their players, Montelongo, Saralegui, Gutierrez, Salazar and Bossio.



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ROSSI, PLATINI, FOR NEW YORK

THOSE mighty players from Italy's Juventus, Paolo Rossi and Michel Platini, are wanted by New York Cosmos.

Giorgio Chinaglia, the owner of Cosmos, has admitted he wants both Juventus stars.

Platini said: "I hope 1986 will be my last year in European football and I'll think about Cosmos then."

Rossi commented: "Cosmos are the only American side I'd play for. They are famous around the world and, with Chinaglia in charge, that is a guarantee of success."

BULGARIAN football authorities knew they were taking a gamble when they decided they would award no points at all for 0-0 draws.

The gamble paid off in the first round of the championship. Not one match ended scoreless!

RUSSIA has a novel rule to discourage teams from playing drawn games.

In the Russian League, no points are awarded for draws after a team has drawn 10 times.

Last season Dynamo Moscow drew 12 matches and only just missed relegation.

PEOPLE planning to go to Mexico for the World Cup will be interested to know the competition will run from May 30 to June 29, 1986. The draw will take place in Mexico City on December 15, 1985.

HERE'S an unusual double. Milos Milutinovic has been appointed national coach of Yugoslavia and his brother Bora is coach of Mexico.

JOHNNY REP, former star with Ajax Amsterdam and the Dutch World Cup team, has joined Ajax's great rivals Feyenoord of Rotterdam.



LESOTHO have been kicked out of the World Cup — because they refused to play an elimination match in Madagascar. Oh well... Lesotho were not likely winners of the Cup in Mexico, anyway!

LASZLO NAGY has left Swiss club Locarno. The Hungarian has a knee injury which will probably prevent his playing this season.

TELEVISION viewers in Argentina will be able to watch all matches involving Napoli in Italy's first division.

No need to have three guesses about why. Diego Maradona is the big attraction and it is said Maradona is picking up \$1,700,000 himself as part of the deal.

AUSTRIA's famous national stadium, the Prater in Vienna, is being rebuilt and this has caused problems about a suitable venue for Austria's World Cup elimination games.

Next biggest stadium is SC Rapid's home ground with a capacity of only 22,000.

MEXICO USES 12 GROUNDS

IN the World Cup in Mexico, 12 stadiums will be used in eight cities. But proposed kick-off times could upset players if the weather turns hot — matches are proposed for 11 am, noon, 3 pm or 4 pm.

Evening kick-offs, it seems, do not fit in with world-wide television audiences and, as we all know, TV is god of the World Cup.

Altitude will also pose a problem. Highest venue for games is Toluca, 2,665 metres above sea level.

OVERSEAS RESULTS



WORLD CUP

OPORTO. Portugal beat Czechoslovakia 2-1 in a World Cup European Group Two qualifying tie.

SCORERS: Portugal — Diamantino (13), Carlos Manuel (48). Czechoslovakia — Jarolim (39).

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	2	0	0	3	1	4
Sweden	1	0	1	4	1	2
Czech	0	0	1	1	2	0
Malta	0	0	1	0	4	0
W Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0

Next match: West Germany v Sweden, Oct 17.

LUIS NOT BIG FAN

CESAR LUIS MENOTTI, former national coach of Argentina, doesn't have a very high opinion of England's Aston Villa.

After watching Villa in action, Menotti said: "This is a feeble team, poorly coached and totally devoid of ideas. They play a long ball game, totally inaccurately!"

Menotti is hardly a Villa fan.



□ LUTHER BLISSETT

A FITTING FAREWELL

KUNISHIGE KAMAMOTO, probably the greatest forward ever produced in Japan, made his farewell appearance for Yanmar in front of 62,000 people at Tokyo's National Stadium in a special match against a Japanese League X1.

Kamamoto's team had guest players, Pele and Wolfgang Overath, to help them to a 3-2 victory.

In his 20-year career, Kamamoto scored a remarkable 546 goals.

He has now taken over as manager of his old team, Yanmar.

BLISSETT DEAL UPSET MILAN

A.C. MILAN were not happy about having to sell Luther Blissett back to Watford for only half the transfer fee they paid for him.

Milan received \$800,000 for a \$1,600,000 player.

But they thought they had to get rid of Blissett because they were allowed only two foreigners, Ray Wilkins and Mark Hateley, on their payroll.

Now Milan have discovered that Naples and Inter-Milan each have a third foreigner signed up in case of injury.

A.C. Milan president Giuseppe Farina has complained to the Italian Federation about the limit on foreign players — and hopes the ban on imports

will be lifted.

If this happens, there will

be even more stars drifting to the Italian League.

CONSISTENCY

SV HAMBURG must rival Liverpool when it comes to consistent success.

Over the past six seasons, Hamburg have not finished lower in the Bundesliga than runners-up and have been champions three times.

They also won the European Cup in 1983.

Hamburg have seven in-

ternationals in their current team, including the excellent full-back Manny Kalitz who has played 70 times for West Germany.

Former Austrian international Ernst Happel is the coach who has helped Hamburg to these successes.

MAZZOLA QUILTS INTER JOB

SANDRO MAZZOLA has finally left Inter Milan after a career of 30 years with the Italian club.

Six years ago, he retired as a player but was immediately shunted on to In-

ter's technical coaching staff.

Mazzola and club presi-

dent Ernesto Pellegrini had a difference of opinion, so the great Mazzola is out.

WELSH SOCCER FACES CRISIS

THE Welsh F.A. is facing bankruptcy within two years — because of the serious loss of revenue from the elimination of the home international series.

When England and Scotland decided to end the traditional four-country tournament this year, they showed little concern for the damage it would do to the finances of Wales and Northern Ireland.

On Friday week, a crisis meeting of the British Associations has been called to see if anything can be done to ease the problem. "We do not think England or Scotland appreciate

the impact scrubbing the British Championship has had on our finances," said Alun Evans, secretary of the Welsh F.A.

Wales has had to withdraw from the European Under 21 Championship, cut the Welsh F.A. staff and curtail coaching programmes.

Now Wales is proposing a new British Cup, with England and Scotland

seeded, and a final in May. It could bring in at least \$150,000 to ease the cash

problems of Wales and Northern Ireland.

LIVERPOOL is a team which believes in stability in its goalkeepers and only rarely has a goalie been dropped at Anfield.

This means, it is a heart-breaking job for any second string goalkeeper to patiently wait for a chance to gatecrash the first team.

Bruce Grobbelaar must have been close to the axe after playing badly in Liverpool's 2-0 defeat against Sheffield Wednesday.

Liverpool boss Joe Fagan, though, refused to drop the spectacular Grobbelaar for the European Cup match which followed.

GROBBELAAR STILL THERE

"Bruce is a good goalkeeper and he stays in the team," said Fagan.

So everyone was happy — except reserve team goalie Bob Bolder, who was hoping to be promoted.

Now Bolder has asked for a transfer. He joined Liverpool 13 months ago and is still waiting for his debut game in the first team.



SFA GETS TOUGH WITH ROWDY FANS

THE SCOTTISH F.A. has come up with an interesting plan to deter hooligans from pitch invasions.

It is suggested that any club which cannot control its fans should be penalised by a deduction of points.

It's a drastic remedy, too drastic, in fact, for the plan to travel south to the Football League.

In England, it would need

a change of League regulations, with a three-quarters majority, for points to be deducted.

Clubs would strongly resist this, because they claim they are already doing everything possible to curb spectator violence.

Incidentally, Coventry City were reported after a recent pitch invasion at their Highfield Road ground. They claim the "invaders" were Arsenal fans, who came over the top after Paul Mariner scored.

This incident came only 24 hours after Coventry were fined \$1,600 for a similar offence.

ARSENAL'S bright start to the season has surprised a lot of people but manager Don Howe is taking it all in his stride.

Said Howe: "I'm amazed people have taken so long to accept we're a good team. It hasn't happened overnight. We scored six goals at Villa Park a year ago."

YEovil TOWN reserve team, who play in the unfashionable Western League, doubled their average crowd when they played Ilfracombe, winning 3-2.

Why the special interest? Yeovil had a new centre-half making his debut.

Ian Botham is his name.

JOCK WALLACE, boss of Glasgow Rangers, has lashed out at defensive teams.

"The public is not getting the entertainment it deserves. Supporters are being cheated by defensive sides," said Jock after his team had a dull 1-1 draw with Dundee.

We seem to remember Wallace saying the same thing about Frank Arok and the Socceroos when he was in Australia a few months ago.



LITTLE MAN, BIG TALENT

PAT NEVIN, the little Scottish winger who has been a big success with Chelsea, is determined to prove you don't have to be big and strong to make the grade.

Nevin was signed from Clyde just before going to Mexico with Scotland's team for the World Youth Championship last year.

In Mexico, he played against Australia in a memorable match which gave the Youth Socceroos an unexpected victory.

When Chelsea beat Leicester City 3-0 recently, it was Nevin who took the eye as the star performer.

As one critic wrote: "Nevin looks as fragile as a piece of bone china and doesn't even hit 10 stone on the weighing machine. But he has rare skills, honed on the streets and playing fields of Glasgow."

And Chelsea's assistant-manager Ian McNeill weighed in with: "Pat may be small and light but he's tough and has amazing skill."

DAY IS ON WAY

MERVYN DAY has asked Aston Villa for a transfer. The former West Ham goalkeeper claims his wages are much lower than those of his teammates.

Villa will allow Day to leave, but only when it suits the club — and that's not immediately.

Day is only deputising for first choice Nigel Spink, who has been out of action with a broken finger since a pre-season match in Barcelona.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	10	7	1	2	22	11	22
Tottenham	10	6	1	3	21	10	19
Sheffield Wed	10	5	3	2	19	14	18
Man Utd	10	4	4	2	19	9	17
Notts Forest	10	4	4	2	19	14	17
Everton	10	4	4	2	18	18	17
Newcastle	10	4	4	2	20	20	15
West Ham	10	4	3	3	13	16	15
Sunderland	10	4	3	3	13	12	14
Chelsea	10	4	3	3	13	10	13
Southampton	10	3	4	3	14	14	13
Aston Villa	10	4	1	5	15	20	13
WBA	10	3	3	4	17	14	12
Ipswich	10	2	6	2	12	12	12
QPR	9	2	6	1	17	18	11
Liverpool	10	2	6	2	12	13	11
Norwich	10	2	6	2	12	16	10
Coventry	10	1	7	2	9	12	9
Luton	10	1	7	2	12	19	9
Leicester	10	1	7	2	12	23	7
Watford	10	1	4	5	9	18	7
Stoke	9	1	4	4	9	18	7

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	10	7	3	0	16	7	24
Blackburn	10	7	2	1	23	8	23
Oxford	9	7	1	1	21	8	22
Birmingham	10	7	0	3	13	7	21
Brighton	10	6	0	4	15	8	18
Shrewsbury	10	6	0	4	21	15	18
Barnsley	10	5	2	3	13	7	17
Man City	10	5	2	3	14	9	17
Leeds	10	5	1	4	18	11	16
Grimsby	10	5	0	5	19	18	15
Fulham	10	5	0	5	15	17	15
Charlton	10	4	2	4	17	12	14
Wimbledon	10	4	1	5	17	19	13
Oldham	10	4	1	5	11	20	13
Carlisle	10	3	2	5	7	18	11
Sheffield Utd	10	2	4	4	15	17	10
Middlesbrough	10	2	4	4	14	20	10
Huddersfield	10	2	3	5	9	17	9
Wolves	10	2	2	6	14	22	8
Crystal Palace	9	2	0	7	10	23	6
Notts County	9	2	0	7	10	23	6
Cardiff	9	1	0	8	9	22	3

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol Rovers	10	7	2	1	15	6	23
Millwall	10	7	1	2	21	10	22
York	10	6	2	2	16	10	20
Bradford	10	6	1	3	10	6	19
Reading	10	5	3	2	15	11	18
Gillingham	10	5	2	3	17	14	17
Bristol City	10	5	2	3	15	12	17
Doncaster	10	5	1	4	17	12	16
Hull	10	4	4	2	11	7	16
Brentford	9	4	2	3	10	7	14
Derby	10	4	2	4	14	12	14
Reading	10	4	2	4	10	11	14
Walsall	10	3	4	3	14	14	13
Preston	10	4	0	6	13	21	12
Burnley	10	2	5	3	12	12	11
Wigan	10	3	2	5	6	12	11
Belton	10	3	1	6	17	18	10
Newport	9	2	4	3	8	10	10
Orient	10	3	1	6	11	18	10
Swansea	10	3	1	6	11	18	10
Lincoln	9	2	3	5	9	13	9
Bournemouth	10	2	3	5	9	13	9
Plymouth	10	1	5	4	17	24	8
Cambridge	9	1	1	7	8	19	4

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hereford	10	7	2	1	17	5	23
Chesham	10	7	2	1	19	9	23
Bury	10	7	2	1	18	8	23
Peterborough	10	6	3	1	15	6	21
Darlington	10	4	5	1	17	8	17
Blackpool	10	4	4	2	14	10	16
Colchester	9	4	4	2	17	11	15
Port Vale	10	4	4	2	17	11	15
Tranmere	10	5	0	5	15	15	15
Hartlepool	10	4	3	3	14	15	15
Crawley	10	5	0	5	15	17	15
Stockport	10	3	4	3	14	14	13
Southend	10	3	4	3	12	12	13
Chester	10	3	4	3	13	14	13
Mansfield	10	3	3	4	8	9	12
Swindon	10	3	3	4	14	16	12
Wrexham	9	3	1	5	17	17	10
Torquay	10	2	4	4	10	14	10
Scunthorpe	10	2	3	5	17	18	9
Exeter	10	2	3	5	4	9	11
Aldershot	10	2	2	6	10	15	8
Reckdale	10	1	6	3	7	18	6
Halifax	9	2	0	7	6	27	6
Northampton	10	1	1	8	6	21	4

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	10	8	1	1	23	6	17
Celtic	10	6	4	0	18	6	16
Rangers	10	6	3	1	11	2	15
St Mirren	10	5	4	1	11	9	11
Dundee Utd	10	4	1	5	12	12	9
Hearts	10	4	0	6	8	14	8
Dundee	10	3	1	6	15	17	7
Dumbarton	10	3	1	6	11	14	7
Hibernian	10	2	1	7	9	19	5
Morton	10	2	1	7	7	26	5

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrie	10	5	0	5	20	9	16
Clydebank	10	5	3	2	17	8	13
Motherwell	10	6	1	3	15	9	13
Forfar	10	5	1	4	17	10	11
Ayr	10	3	5	2	12	9	11
East Fife	10	2	6	2	19	19	10
Brechin	10	4	2	4	13	13	10
Hamilton	10	4	2	4	12	12	10
Falkirk	10	4	1	5	15	19	9
Clyde	10	2	4	4	14	15	8
Meowbank	10	2	4	4	15	17	8
Partick	10	2	4	4	11	14	8
St Johnstone	10	3	1	6	14	23	7
Kilmarnock	10	2	2	6	8	25	6

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunfermline	10	8	1	1	23	6	17
Alloa	10	7	3	0	17	6	17
Montrose	10	7	0	3	16	12	14
Queen South	10	3	5	2	16	12	11
Stenhousemuir	10	3	4	3	9	11	10
Queens Park	10	4	1	5	18	19	9
Berwick	10	4	1	5	11	13	9
Albion	10	4	1	5	15	19	9
Raith	10	3	3	4	12	16	9
Cowdenbeath	10	4	0	6	11	17	8
Stirling	10	2	3	5	11	13	7
Arbroath	10	3	1	6	8	16	7
East Stirling	10	1	3	6	11	20	5

MOVE FOR JOHN

JOHN GIDMAN, the forgotten man of Manchester United, has been put on the trans-

fer list at a fee of \$80,000.

Gidman, 30, is an English international full-back

but he has been bedevilled by injury ever since he joined United.

When he was left out of United's squad travelling to Hungary for the second leg UEFA Cup match against Raba Győr, Gidman had a row with team boss Ron Atkinson.

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